

Washington City Echoes

Brother and sister M. M. Negley, of San Bernardino, Calif., are visiting in the east. They did not forget to call and see us while attending the Dewey celebration.

Our dear young brother, Dr. Beachley, of Waterloo, Iowa, also made us a short call while passing en route to New York where he passes upon his post graduate course. Our very best wishes go with him. His presence did us good.

Brother Parsons, of Johnstown, Pa., has also been cheering us on our way once more and we are glad to be able to say to all who are concerned that he will soon be with us permanently, the Lord willing; at least, the "powers that be" have so ordered. As we work in the Master's vineyard here these visits do us much good.

During the last two or three months I have received numerous letters with many words of encouragement from our dear brethren and sisters in various parts of the brotherhood. For all these I feel grateful, and I praise God for each token of appreciation from those of "like precious faith." Had I the time to do so, I should be highly pleased, indeed, to write each one personally, but from this I know I will be excused. I find there are some who seem to think that we have plenty of time and but little to do, excepting preach on Sundays. If those who think that way could spend a few weeks with us, I feel sure they would change their minds. I have sometimes thought that if only each member could pay one visit to the capital city and could see with their own eyes what we see, there would never again be trouble in raising funds to meet any of our needs.

After all, whether you believe it or not, it is simply a lack of interest that causes all of our trouble; at least, so far as finances are concerned. People generally find some way of doing whatever they actually want to do. Think of the thousands of dollars,—yes, almost millions,—raised by the American people to spend in honor of the great victor at Manila!

But one great trouble is, there are many who think they are really interested when they are not. If you should tell them that they are not interested, they would neither believe it, nor like it.

At our late conference at Warsaw, I met with many who learned for the first time that we had no church building, and there were others who knew that we had to use a hall, but did not know that our use of that hall was confined to Sundays. Members who are really interested in the work will keep themselves informed by reading the EVANGELIST. May the Lord look in great mercy upon all who are thus at "ease in Zion."

And now what about that visit I promised to pay? Have you forgotten about it? I have not. I wish that you would give me a chance to forget it, but Brother Cassel writes me that the treasury is still empty, and that means that Brother Lyon will have to go out again and visit the churches as he had to

do last fall. Now if you really wish a visit of that kind from me again, the surest way to get it, is to just withhold your offerings to missions a little longer. I would like to visit you, but not on that account. Let this hint be sufficient warning.

The "envelope system" is working nicely with us and our monthly contributions are much better. By this plan every member makes his or her weekly offering whether they can attend regular services or not. And, by the way, let me here correct a false impression that seems to have been on the minds of some. In the receipts as published in the EVANGELIST by Brother Cassel, the amount contributed by the Washington City church is included in that report. In other words, the National Board has agreed to allow \$900 per year for this mission. The mission here is poor, but during the past year we raised quite a goodly share of that mount. Watch the monthly statements as they appear in the EVANGELIST and you will see that the church in Washington raises a considerable part of that nine hundred dollars. Pray for us. W. M. LYON.

Our Mission Work

I am very sorry I have to again address the brethren and friends thru the EVANGELIST on the dearth of the missionary treasury. Since my return from conference I have received but twelve dollars from all sources for our home mission work.

The work is yours, brethren. I am only the mouth-piece of the church on this particular work, as such it is my business to report the status of affairs to you. If you are tired of the Lord's work and mean to sacrifice the results of your gifts thus far you can easily call a halt by withholding support, and from the returns this month it would almost appear as if the church had determined upon such a course.

Is it possible that with crops (the gift of God) in unusual abundance, and prosperity on every side that a little work costing the church about one cent a month per member must fail for want of support. What a spectacle before God, from a people that boast of their complete obedience to the word of God. I do not feel it my business to try to appeal to your hearts, but I do want you to look at this question with open eyes and a quickened conscience.

JACOB C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Notes from Zed H. Copp

Great sadness is abiding with the church because of the departure of Sister Bond for her eternity residence, prepared for her by the builder and furnisher of the universe. A more extended notice will be given later.

We have changed our residence to 109 N. Western avenue, and consequently there were no "Notes" last week. This is being written in a railroad depot while awaiting the train.

Thru a mistake of my own, five hundred "Titus" were asked for, when I had only in-

tended one hundred. Who will send them, or the money to get them?

To those who are enquiring about the church building, we desire to say, plans are being drawn and discussed and the *real* house itself will *appear* before another season's frosts white the earth. Any one desiring to know more should address me stating just what they want to know.

The Sunday school broke all records last Sunday a-week in point of attendance. We have a fine corps of workers, and then brother John Eversole is the right man right there. We are working for the hundred mark by Jan. 1, 1900. God help us to reach it, hold it and pass it. The K. C. of C. E. elected the following officers: President, Lottie Bond; vice president, Arthur Kimmel; recording secretary, Pearl Barrett; corresponding secretary, Maud Protsman; treasurer, Anna Steele. We expect much from them in every way this winter.

Sister Ebe, of Bear Creek capped the climax in large hearted work one morning last week by sending Earl to our door with a *one horse load* of pumpkins. She is a noble woman of a noble family.

Special thanks are due brother Ed Smith and Prof. Ewing for standing right hand men in moving.

Brethren, pray for us and the work.

Chicago Mission

Cool weather makes people look up places where there is fire. I overheard some young men talking of what they would do to "warm up" cold winter nights. They were standing in front of the Mission door and remarked: "Say we will go in here and get warm and guy the preacher awhile." We pray that they will come in and get warmed up, and get full of fire from the Lord that shall burn on forever. We want to get hold of just such sinners and cause them to *be saved*. The other day while we were trying to polish and shine the stove pipe for the Mission, I thought how the world tries to cover up and shine the rust spots and sin stains in their lives, same as we were the rust on the pipe, but the bad places would show, and when there is evil lurking in the texture of a life if not taken away, it is certain to break out in blemishes in their character and life work. No human power can take them away, only God can and will gladly do so if we will yield ourselves to him.

BUSY DAYS

The last week has been extra busy days for me. Even more than I could do with justice. While cleaning the Mission Saturday afternoon, a precious soul came seeking the Lord Jesus. After searching the Scriptures and praying she seemed satisfied and knew what to do. As we sat talking she said, "I have not been to meeting or heard any one preach since I last heard you at the Mission." That is nearly two years ago, let us trust that seed sown, even long ago, will spring up and bring forth fruit for God. She has not yet yielded herself to him. Pray